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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. REF MOSCOW 11860: IN ANSWER TO TWO QUESTIONS CONCERN-  
ING THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S VISIT, THE CHIEF JUSTICE WILL NOT  
LAY A WREATH AT LENIN'S TOMB, AND VERY GRATEFULLY ACCEPTS  
THE AMBASSADOR'S DINNER INVITATION FOR SEPT 5.
2. RE MOSCOW 11062: ON IMMUNITY FOR FSO TRAINEES, BEFORE  
MAKING ANY COMMITMENTS WE WOULD HAVE TO PRESENT THE QUESTION  
TO PROTOCOL FORMALLY AND IN SPECIFIC TERMS. BUT INFORMAL  
CONSULTATION WITH PROTOCOL INDICATES WE COULD HANDLE THE  
RECIPROCAL IMMUNITY QUESTION. IF THE SENDING STATE NOTI-  
FIES THE HOST GOVERNMENT THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS ATTACHED TO  
THE EMBASSY AND THE HOST GOVERNMENT PUTS THE INDIVIDUAL  
ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST, HE HAS FULL DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY.  
PROTOCOL HAS A PROHIBITION AGAINST PUTTING ADULT FULLTIME  
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STUDENTS WHO DO NO DIPLOMATIC WORK ON THE LIST, BUT INDI-  
CATES A WILLINGNESS TO BE FLEXIBLE IN ANYTHING WHICH IS IN  
OUR INTEREST. IF THE SOVIETS SHOULD SEND THE STUDENTS TO  
THE WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK AREAS AND NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT  
THAT THEY ARE ATTACHES OF THE EMBASSY OR SMUN, AND THAT  
THEY PERFORM ANY DIPLOMATIC DUTIES AT ALL - I.E. TAKE A  
TURN AT THE EMBASSY OR SMUN SWITCHBOARD A COUPLE OF TIMES

A YEAR - PROTOCOL THINKS IT COULD PUT THEM ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST. PROTOCOL HAS SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH TRYING TO PUT ANYONE ON THE LIST WHO IS NOT IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK (OR, PERHAPS SAN FRANCISCO), BUT WE DO NOT THINK THAT WOULD BE A PROBLEM BECAUSE WE EXPECT THE SOVIETS WOULD WANT TO KEEP THEIR STUDENTS UNDER THE WING OF ONE OF THEIR POSTS. ALSO, STRICT RECIPROCITY FOR STUDENTS IN MOSCOW WOULD BE STUDENTS IN WASHINGTON. ON HOUSING, WE AGREE IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SOVIET, WITH ALL THAT IMPLIES FOR THE CANDIDATES WE COULD CONSIDER. ON THIS BASIS, WITH THESE ANSWERS TO YOUR TWO POINTS IN REFTEL, WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO EXPLORE THE PROJECT WITH THE SOVIETS?

3. FIRST MEETING OF SHULMAN-VEST COORDINATING COMMITTEE COVERED FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS: PLANS FOR AUGUST 31 PRC MEETING WHICH BLUMENTHAL IS CHAIRING ON U.S.-SOVIET ECONOMIC RELATIONS (TREASURY GAVE STATUS REPORT), PROCEDURES FOR RENEWAL OF AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT, PLANNING FOR VISITS OF CHIEF JUSTICE BERGER AND HUD SECRETARY HARRIS TO MOSCOW, AND PROBLEM OF COORDINATING USG AGENCIES PRESS TREATMENT OF SOVIET-RELATED NEWS ITEMS. NO DECISIONS WERE TAKEN AND ABOVE MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED MAINLY BY WAY OF ILLUSTRATING AREAS WHERE CLOSER COORDINATION IS NECESSARY. THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FIFTEEN OR SO AGENCIES WHICH PARTICIPATED SEEMED PLEASED WITH THE INITIAL SESSION. YOU WILL RECEIVE THE COMMITTEE'S OUTPUT REGULARLY. CONFIDENTIAL

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4.REMOSCOW11657, IN LIGHT OF HOUSING FACTOR INTRODUCED BY REESTABLISHMENT OF APPO POSITION, YOUR PROPOSED SOLUTION TO CONSULAR SLOT VACANCY SEEMS REASONABLE AND YOU SHOULD COME IN WITH A PER CHANNEL MESSAGE. MESSAGE SHOULD CITE HOUSING FACTOR, WHICH IS DECISIVE IN CHOICE OF CINDY SMITH WHO HAS NEITHER THE CONSULAR NOR THE LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS CARTER DOES. WE SHOULD RECEIVE FORMAL MESSAGE WITHOUT DELAY. CARTER IS DISAPPOINTED, AS WE ALL ARE, WITH TURN OF EVENTS. WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR A WAY TO WORK HIM INTO A FUTURE ASSIGNMENT. HE IS A GOOD MAN AND WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE HIM. VANCE

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